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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Replace the paragraph on page 2, between lines 20-25 of the specification with the following:

This object is achieved according to the present invention by providing a method according to the preamble wherein said erase radiation beam has a first erase power level for a first erase period, a second erase power level higher than or equal to said first erase power level for a second erase period, and a third erase power level lower than said second power level for a third erase period. The object is further achieved by providing a corresponding recording device ~~as claimed in claim 11.~~

Replace the paragraph on page 3, between lines 4-8 of the specification with the following:

~~Embodiments of the invention are defined in the dependent claims. Advantageous embodiments for the different power levels and the different erase periods used in the space write strategy are~~

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~~defined in claims 2 to 7. Preferably~~In another embodiment, the third erase power level is lower than the erase power level applied in conventional space write strategies, while at least the second erase power level is higher than the conventional erase power level.